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### FOR: Ophthalmologic Knife

Enclosed are:

| <u>X</u> | Ten (10) Sheets of drawings.   |
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|          | An Assignment of the invention to: MANI, INC.  |
| -        | A certified copy of the Japanese priority application No. 2000-260242 filed August 30, 2000. |
|          | An associate power of attorney.  |
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Sir:

The undersigned has been authorized by the Applicants, Kanji MATSUTANI, Takashi INA and Masahiko SAITO, to file the enclosed patent application, and to defer filing of the Declaration/Power of Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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